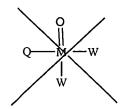
IN THE CLAIMS:

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Claims 1-4 (withdrawn).

5. (currently amended) A composition, comprising: a compound of the following formula

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$$Q \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{W}^{O} W$$

wherein each W is independently SH, OH, OCH₂CH(NH₂)CO₂H, OCHCH₃CH(NH₂)CO₂H, OPO₃H₂, OPO₂HOPO₃H₂ or Q, wherein when one W is Q, the other W is OH, and wherein Q is one of the following structures:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} X & V & Z \\ \parallel & \mid & \mid \\ R\text{-}(CH_2)_n\text{--}L\text{--}C\text{-}(CH)_{\overline{m}}\text{--}CH\text{--}CH_2\text{--}Y \end{array}$$

wherein

Y is O or S;

R is unsubstituted or substituted, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched-chain alkyl, or $((CH_2)_pO)_q(CH_2)_pT$ where q is an integer from 1 to about 900 and where each p is independently an integer from 2 to about 10 and T is OH, or $O(CH_2)_bCH_3$ where b is an integer from 0 to about 10; each

V is independently OH, SH, H, NH₂, halogen, OPO₃H₂, or OSO₃H;

n is an integer from 0 to about 10;

m is an integer from 0 to about 10;

Z is OH, SH, NH₂, halogen, $\frac{OPO_3H_2}{OPO_3H_2}$, H, O(CH₂)_bCH₃ where b=0 to about 2, or SO₃H; L is independently O, S, or CH₂; and,

M is P or S, where when M is S, one W is (=0) and the other W is SH, OH,

OCH₂CH(NH₂)CO₂H, OCHCH₃CH(NH₂)CO₂H, OPO₃H₂; or OPO₂HOPO₃H₂; or a salt thereof.

Claim 6 (withdrawn).

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7. (currently amended) A composition comprising $3 \Theta_0$ leyl 1-thiophosphoryl-2-O-methyl-rac-glycerate, or a salt thereof.

Claims 8-57 (withdrawn).